

Township of Marathon

Lapeer County, Michigan

Audited Financial Report
March 31, 2005

Lehn L. King

Certified Public Accountant
Marlette, Michigan

Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended.

Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name Marathon Township	County Lapeer
Audit Date 6/8/05	Opinion Date 6/10/05	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: 8/18/05	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

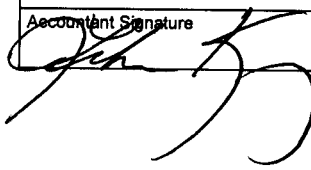
We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95). |

We have enclosed the following:

	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	✓		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			✓
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			✓

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Street Address 3531 Main Street		City Marlette	State MI
Accountant Signature 		ZIP 48453	Date 7/12/05

Township of Marathon
Annual Financial Report
For The Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2005

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Marathon Township
Lapeer County, Michigan

Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Marathon, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Marathon, Michigan's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that the audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinions.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Marathon, Michigan as of March 31, 2005 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, and the budgetary comparison schedules, as identified in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Marathon, Michigan's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

As described in Note 1, the Township has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, and related statements, as of April 1, 2004.

Lehn King

Lehn L. King
Certified Public Accountant

June 10, 2005

Township of Marathon

Columbiaville, Michigan

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS LETTER

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Marathon's financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The Township is in good financial position with a General Fund Balance of \$240,800. The Township is considering road projects that would include tube, ditching, gravel, and recapping one mile of pavement that would amount to approximately \$100,000. Other expenditures may include replacing Township Hall roof at about \$10,000 and upgrading computers/phone system for an additional \$12,000.

Using this Report

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No.34. GASB Statement 34 implements a new model of financial reporting for state and local governments designed to enhance the usefulness of the Township's annual report.

The Township as a Whole

The Township of Marathon's fund balances are as follows:

	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2004</u>
General Fund	\$ 240,800	\$ 181,954
Building Inspection Fund	19,912	15,408
Total for Township	<u>\$ 260,712</u>	<u>\$ 197,362</u>

Township of Marathon

Columbiaville, Michigan

Governmental Activities

The Township of Marathon's Revenues and Expenditures can be summarized as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Inspection Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 181,954	\$ 15,408	\$ 197,362
Revenue Collected			
Intergovernmental Revenue	234,804	-	234,804
Property Taxes/Special Assessments	178,404	-	178,404
Charges for Services	18,998	54,130	73,128
Transfers	-	-	-
Other	33,666	3,775	37,441
Total Revenue Collected	<u>465,872</u>	<u>57,905</u>	<u>523,777</u>
Expenditures			
General Government	207,458	-	207,458
Public Safety	61,057	53,401	114,458
Public Works	50,420	-	50,420
Recreation & Culture	-	-	-
Other Functions	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service	88,091	-	88,091
Transfers	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>407,026</u>	<u>53,401</u>	<u>460,427</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 240,800</u>	<u>\$ 19,912</u>	<u>\$ 260,712</u>

Township of Marathon

Columbiaville, Michigan

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The Township of Marathon's 2005/2006 adopted budget is as follows:

	General Fund		Building Inspection Fund	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2004/2005	2005/2006	2004/2005	2005/2006
Revenue				
Intergovernmental Revenue	239,869	233,100	-	-
Property Taxes/Special Assessments	179,630	185,700	-	-
Charges for Services	1,500	6,000	51,000	53,000
Transfer	-	-	-	-
Other	100	850	-	-
Total Revenue Collected	421,099	425,650	51,000	53,000
Expenditures				
General Government	241,968	254,064	-	-
Public Safety - Police	71,142	62,625	51,000	53,000
Public Works	137,479	176,569	-	-
Recreation & Culture	-	-	-	-
Other Functions	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	87,850	84,750	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	538,439	578,008	51,000	53,000
Net Over/Under Budget	\$ (117,340)	\$ (152,358)	\$ -	\$ -

The Township of Marathon's General Fund budget for next year is approximately the same budget as a year ago.

Contacting the Township

This report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Township office at 4575 Pine Street, Box 457 Columbiaville, Michigan or by telephone at (810) 793-2002.

Dale Fuller
Township of Marathon Supervisor

Township of Marathon

Statement of Net Assets (Deficit)

March 31, 2005

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 183,134.77
Property Taxes Receivable	22,211.87
Accounts Receivable	18,229.04
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>159,244.00</u>
Total Assets	382,819.68
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,094.85
Due To Other Funds	4,646.00
Accrued Interest Payable	6,912.00
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	69,123.00
Long-Term Debt	<u>285,615.00</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>368,390.85</u>
Net Assets (Deficit)	
Invested in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt	(202,406.00)
Restricted for Hemingway Lake	6,259.34
Unrestricted	<u>255,003.00</u>
<u>Total Net Assets (Deficit)</u>	<u>\$ 58,856.34</u>

The notes are an integral part of the statements.

Township of Marathon

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Assets	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Primary Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs						
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
General Government	\$ 207,457.13	\$ 18,997.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (188,459.17)	
Public Safety	114,458.27	54,129.67	-	-	(60,328.60)	
Public Works	54,780.04	-	-	-	(54,780.04)	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	25,880.64	-	-	-	(25,880.64)	
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 402,576.08	\$ 73,127.63	\$ -	\$ -	(329,448.45)	
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes					\$ 165,978.08	
State Shared Revenues					234,804.00	
Special Assessments					12,425.70	
Interest					4,286.12	
Other Revenues					33,706.05	
Transfers					-	
Total General Revenues, Special Items & Transfers					451,199.95	
Change in Net Assets					121,751.50	
Net Assets (Deficit) - Beginning of Year					(62,895.16)	
Net Assets (Deficit) - End of Year					\$ 58,856.34	

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Township of Marathon

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

March 31, 2005

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Inspection Fund</u>	<u>Totals Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash & Certificates of Deposit	\$ 163,115.31	\$ 20,019.46	\$ 183,134.77
Property Taxes Receivable	22,211.87	-	22,211.87
Accounts Receivable	13,160.54	5,068.50	18,229.04
Due From Other Funds	44,427.51	-	44,427.51
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 242,915.23</u>	<u>\$ 25,087.96</u>	<u>\$ 268,003.19</u>
<u>Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,564.17	\$ 530.68	\$ 2,094.85
Due To Other Funds	-	4,646.00	4,646.00
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>1,564.17</u>	<u>5,176.68</u>	<u>6,740.85</u>
<u>Fund Equity</u>			
Fund Balances			
- Designated for Hemingway Lake	6,259.34	-	6,259.34
- Unreserved & Undesignated	235,091.72	19,911.28	255,003.00
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>241,351.06</u>	<u>19,911.28</u>	<u>261,262.34</u>
<u>Total Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>	<u>\$ 242,915.23</u>	<u>\$ 25,087.96</u>	<u>\$ 268,003.19</u>

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Township of Marathon
Governmental Funds
Reconciliation of Fund Balances to the
Statement of Net Assets (Deficit)
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	\$ 261,262.34
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Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of
Net Assets (Deficit) are different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and are not reported in the Funds	159,244.00
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Long-Term Bonds Payable are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the Funds	(354,738.00)
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Accrued Interest Payable is not reported in the Funds	<u>(6,912.00)</u>
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Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 58,856.34</u></u>
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Township of Marathon
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes
in Fund Balances
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

	General Fund	Building Inspection Fund	Totals Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ 165,978.08	\$ -	\$ 165,978.08
State Shared Revenue	234,804.00	-	234,804.00
Special Assessments	12,425.70	-	12,425.70
Charges for Services	6,215.75	-	6,215.75
Permits & Fees	12,782.21	54,129.67	66,911.88
Interest Earnings	4,286.12	-	4,286.12
Other Revenues	29,931.45	3,774.60	33,706.05
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>466,423.31</u>	<u>57,904.27</u>	<u>524,327.58</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
General Government	207,457.13	-	207,457.13
Public Safety	61,057.31	53,400.96	114,458.27
Publics Works	50,420.04	-	50,420.04
Recreation & Culture	-	-	-
Debt Service - Principal	69,123.00	-	69,123.00
Debt Service - Interest	18,968.64	-	18,968.64
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>407,026.12</u>	<u>53,400.96</u>	<u>460,427.08</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	59,397.19	4,503.31	63,900.50
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>			
Operating Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	59,397.19	4,503.31	63,900.50
<u>Fund Balances - Beginning of Year</u>	<u>181,953.87</u>	<u>15,407.97</u>	<u>197,361.84</u>
<u>Fund Balances - End of Year</u>	<u>\$ 241,351.06</u>	<u>\$ 19,911.28</u>	<u>\$ 261,262.34</u>

The notes are an integral part of the statements.

Township of Marathon

Governmental Funds

Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 63,900.50
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Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of
Activities are different because:

Governmental Funds report Capital Outlays as Expenditures;
in the Statement of Activities, these costs are capitalized and
allocated over their estimated useful lives as Depreciation

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Repayment of Bond Principal is an Expenditure in the Governmental
Funds, but not in the Statement of Activities (where it
reduces Long-Term Debt)

69,123.00

Interest Expense is reported in the Statement of Activities
when a Liability is incurred; they are reported in the
Governmental Funds only when payment is due

(6,912.00)

Depreciation is an Expenditure for the Statement of
Activities, but is not reported in the Governmental Funds

(4,360.00)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities

\$ 121,751.50

The notes are an integral part of the statements.

Township of Marathon

Statement of Net Assets (Deficit)

Fiduciary Funds

March 31, 2005

	Fiduciary Fund Types		
	Agency Funds		
	Trust & Agency Fund	Current Tax Collection Fund	Totals March 31, 2005
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash - Savings & Certificates	\$ 48,475.02	\$ 4,160.48	\$ 52,635.50
Due From Other Funds	4,646.00	-	4,646.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 53,121.02</u>	<u>\$ 4,160.48</u>	<u>\$ 57,281.50</u>
<u>Liabilities & Fund Balance</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Due To Other Funds	\$ 41,285.02	\$ 3,142.49	\$ 44,427.51
Due To Others	11,836.00	1,017.99	12,853.99
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>53,121.02</u>	<u>4,160.48</u>	<u>57,281.50</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Unreserved & Undesignated	-	-	-
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Total Liabilities & Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$ 53,121.02</u>	<u>\$ 4,160.48</u>	<u>\$ 57,281.50</u>

The notes are an integral part of the statements.

Township of Marathon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the Township of Marathon, Lapeer County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental entities. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Townships Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Entity

The Township was incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan and operates as a General Law Township, with a Township Board form of government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Township (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the Township reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the Township.

Component Units - In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, there are no component units of Government required to be included in the Financial Reporting Entity either as blended component units or discretely presented component units.

Government-wide and Fund Statements Fund

The Government-wide Financial Statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets (Deficit) and the Statement of Activities) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the Township (the primary government). The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function (governmental activities) or identifiable activity (business-type activities) are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other revenue items properly excluded from program revenues are reported as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and Fiduciary Funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide Financial Statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Building Inspection Fund - This fund is set up for the monitoring of Township construction. It is primarily funded through the collection of permits for the various types of construction.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund types:

Trust & Agency Fund - The fund accounts for the performance bonds from various activities in the Township. Funding is provided primarily through performance bonds collected after certain applications have been completed and returned upon completion of the necessary requirements of the process. The Township is no longer collecting performance.

Township of Marathon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

Current Tax Collection Fund - The Current Tax Collection Fund accounts for the collection and disbursement of local property taxes.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Government-wide Financial Statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period, generally collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, special assessments, licenses, charges for services, and interest. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Township. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Cash - The Township does not pool cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing securities and disclosed as part of the Township's investments.

Investments - Debt securities are valued at cost since it is generally the policy of the Township to hold such investments until they mature.

Due to and Due from Other Funds - Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Property Tax Revenues - Property taxes are levied on December 1 based on the assessed value of property as listed on the previous December 31. Assessed values are an approximation of market value. A revaluation of all real property must be made every year.

Vacation, Sick Leave, & Other Compensated Absences - The Township does not have any contracts or agreements with its employees or elected officials which require the payment of compensation during absence from duty nor do any such benefits vest to the right of the employee or elected official.

Inventories and Prepaid Items - Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include buildings and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the Government-wide Financial Statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Township of Marathon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

Buildings & Building Improvements
Machinery & Equipment

35 to 50 years
3 to 20 years

Long-Term Obligations - In the Government-wide Financial Statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, issuance costs, and the deferred amount on refunding are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount and deferred amount on refunding. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounting Changes

GASB Statement No. 34 - Effective April 1, 2004, the Township implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Township's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

- A management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.
- Government-wide Financial Statements (statement of net assets (deficit) and statement of activities) prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Township's activities have been provided.
- Capital assets in the governmental activities column of the statement of net assets (deficit) includes assets not previously accounted for by the Township. In addition, the governmental activities column includes bonds and other long-term obligations previously reported in the General Long-term Debt Account Group.
- The fund financial statements focus on major funds rather than fund types.

Township of Marathon
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Information

The Township is legally subject to the budgetary control requirements of State of Michigan P.A. 621 of 1978 (the Uniform Budgeting Act). The following statements represent a brief synopsis of the major provisions of this Act:

1. Prior to April 1, the Township Supervisor submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to April 1, the budget is legally enacted.
4. The budget is used by the Township Board as a management tool during the year for all budgetary funds. The budgets are adopted on a cash basis which is not consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is exercised at the departmental level.
5. Budget amounts are as originally adopted, and as amended by the Township Board.

In the body of the financial statements, the Township's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budget was adopted to the department level. Budgets for these funds are shown in the supplemental schedules to this statement.

During the year ended March 31, 2005, the Township incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	<u>Total</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Amount of</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Variance</u>
General Fund			
Cemetery	\$ 3,190	\$ 4,267	\$ 1,077
Debt Service - Interest	35,000	40,127	5,127
Building Inspection Fund			
Wages / Taxes / Pension	44,123	46,736	2,613

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3. Cash and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Local Unit to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

At year end, the deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Fiduciary - Trust & Agency Funds</u>	<u>Total Primary Government</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 183,135	\$ 52,636	\$ 235,771

The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority. As of March 31, 2005, the balance sheet carrying amount of cash deposits was \$235,771. The bank balance as of March 31, 2005, was \$235,771, of which \$108,536 was covered by FDIC insurance.

All cash deposits and investments of the Township are held by the Township in the Township's name.

The GASB Statement 3 risk disclosures for the Local Unit's investments are as follows:

Investment Type	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Risk Categorized		NONE			
Operating Funds					
US Treasury Bonds					
Investment in Deferred					
Compensation Plans					
Total Risk-Categorized					
Investments					

The cash and investments that are represented by specific identifiable investment securities are classified as to credit risk by the three categories described below:

Category 1	Insured or registered, or securities held by the Township or its agent in the Township's name.
Category 2	Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Township's name.
Category 3	Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Township's name.

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4. Property Taxes

The Township is responsible for assessing, collecting, and distributing property taxes in accordance with enabling state legislation. Property taxes become a lien on the first day of December of the levy year and must be paid by the following February 14.

Property taxes are recognized in compliance with NCGAI-3, which states that such revenue is recorded when it becomes measurable and available.

The Township levied the following taxes:

General Government Services	<u>1.4206</u> mills
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5. Interfund Receivables, Payables, & Transfers

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet. The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

	<u>Due From Other Funds</u>		<u>Due To Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,142	Tax Collection Fund	\$ 3,142
General Fund	41,285	Trust & Agency Fund	41,285
Building Inspection Fund	<u>4,646</u>	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>4,646</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 49,073</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 49,073</u></u>

Interfund Transfers reported in the Fund Statements are as follows:

NONE

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6. Capital Assets

Capital Assets activity of the Township's governmental activities (and business-type) was as follows:

	Balance April 1, 2004	Additions	Disposals & Adjustments	Balance March 31, 2005
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated - Land	\$ 2,300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,300
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings & Improvements	217,984	0	0	217,984
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	217,984	0	0	217,984
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings & Improvements	56,680	4,360	0	61,040
Total Accumulated Depreciation	56,680	4,360	0	61,040
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	161,304	(4,360)	0	156,944
Net Capital Assets	\$ 163,604	\$ (4,360)	\$ 0	\$ 159,244

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
Public Safety	\$ 4,360
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,360</u>

7. Long -Term Debt

	Interest Rate Ranges	Principal Maturity Ranges	Beginning Balance	Additions (Reductions)	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities						
General Obligation Bonds & Contracts						
1997 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond						
Amount of Issue - \$180,000	4.4% -					
Maturing through 2007	4.90%	\$20,000	\$ 80,000	\$ (20,000)	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000
2000 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond						
Amount of Issue - \$540,353	4.4% -					
Maturing through 2010	5.00%	\$49,123	\$ 343,861	\$ (49,123)	\$ 294,738	\$ 49,123
Total Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 423,861</u>	<u>\$ (69,123)</u>	<u>\$ 354,738</u>	<u>\$ 69,123</u>

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7. Long -Term Debt - Continued

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above governmental bond and contract obligations are as follows:

Years Ending March 31,	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2006	\$ 69,123	\$ 15,483	\$ 84,606
2007	69,123	12,205	81,328
2008	69,123	8,888	78,011
2009	49,123	6,026	55,149
2010	49,123	3,630	52,753
2011-2015	49,123	1,210	50,333
Total	\$ 354,738	\$ 47,442	\$ 402,180

8. Deficit Fund Balance or Retained Earnings Balances of Individual Funds

None

9. Post Employment Benefits

The Township does not provide any post employment benefits other than pension benefits through Manulife Financial.

10. Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries, as well as medical and workman's compensation benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for the various risks of loss stated above.

Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of coverage in any of the past three years. There was no reduction in coverage's obtained through commercial insurance during the past year.

11. Retirement Plan

The Township has a defined contribution pension plan through an insurance company. All full-time employees of the Township are covered under the plan. The Township contributes 7.65% of all wages of employees eligible for the benefits. The Township's contribution for the year ended March 31, 2005, was \$8,629.65, which was fully vested during the year.

Required Supplemental Information

Township of Marathon
Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance with Amended Budget
<u>Revenues</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 169,000.00	\$ 169,000.00	\$ 165,978.08	\$ (3,021.92)
State Revenue Sharing	239,869.00	239,869.00	234,804.00	(5,065.00)
Special Assessments	10,630.00	10,630.00	12,425.70	1,795.70
Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,300.00	1,300.00	12,782.21	11,482.21
Charges for Services	200.00	200.00	6,215.75	6,015.75
Interest Earnings	-	-	4,286.12	4,286.12
Other Revenues	100.00	100.00	29,931.45	29,831.45
<u>Total Revenues</u>	\$ 421,099.00	\$ 421,099.00	\$ 466,423.31	\$ 45,324.31
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Legislative:				
Township Board	\$ 23,872.00	\$ 25,572.00	\$ 19,812.82	\$ 5,759.18
General Government:				
Supervisor	17,250.00	17,250.00	16,950.00	300.00
Elections	5,520.00	6,865.00	6,584.91	280.09
Assessor	39,600.00	39,788.00	26,843.92	12,944.08
Professional Fees	14,500.00	14,312.00	10,711.25	3,600.75
Clerk	26,691.00	26,691.00	25,690.04	1,000.96
Board of Review	1,350.00	1,378.00	1,027.50	350.50
Treasurer	27,891.00	27,891.00	27,863.04	27.96
Clerical	14,800.00	27,300.00	27,300.00	-
Building & Grounds	41,015.00	43,820.00	32,995.52	10,824.48
Cemetery	3,100.00	3,190.00	4,267.13	(1,077.13)
Insurance	6,600.00	7,411.00	7,411.00	-
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Public Safety:				
Police Protection	53,000.00	66,517.00	58,455.26	8,061.74
Planning - Zoning	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,020.00	1,480.00
Street Lights	1,125.00	1,125.00	582.05	542.95
Public Works:				
Hemingway Lake Expense	11,535.00	15,866.00	15,865.84	0.16
Highways & Streets	157,539.87	120,412.87	34,361.25	86,051.62
Drains at Large	1,200.00	1,200.00	192.95	1,007.05
Debt Service - Principal	69,130.00	69,130.00	69,123.00	7.00
Debt Service - Interest	18,720.00	18,720.00	18,968.64	(248.64)
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	538,438.87	538,438.87	407,026.12	131,412.75
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(117,339.87)	(117,339.87)	59,397.19	176,737.06
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>				
Operating Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-
<u>Excess of Revenues & Operating Transfers In Over (Under) Expenditures & Operating Transfers Out</u>	(117,339.87)	(117,339.87)	59,397.19	176,737.06
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	112,159.87	112,159.87	181,953.87	69,794.00
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ (5,180.00)	\$ (5,180.00)	\$ 241,351.06	\$ 246,531.06

Township of Marathon
Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Building Inspection Fund
For The Year Ended March 31, 2005

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Amended Budget</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
License & Permits	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 54,129.67	\$ 3,129.67
Other Revenue	-	-	3,774.60	3,774.60
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>51,000.00</u>	<u>51,000.00</u>	<u>57,904.27</u>	<u>6,904.27</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Administration	6,877.45	6,877.45	6,665.40	212.05
Wages / Taxes / Pension	44,122.55	44,122.55	46,735.56	(2,613.01)
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>51,000.00</u>	<u>51,000.00</u>	<u>53,400.96</u>	<u>(2,400.96)</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</u>	-	-	4,503.31	4,503.31
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>				
Operating Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-
<u>Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses</u>	-	-	4,503.31	4,503.31
<u>Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</u>	-	-	15,407.97	15,407.97
<u>Fund Balance - End of Year</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,911.28</u>	<u>\$ 19,911.28</u>

Other Supplemental Information

Township of Marathon

Other Supplemental Information

Schedule of Indebtedness

March 31, 2005

1997 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond

Dated: February 1, 1998

Original Issue: \$180,000

Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	Principal Outstanding March 31,		Remaining Annual Interest Payable
		2005	2004	
4.4% - 4.9%	8/1/2004	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,915
4.4% - 4.9%	2/1/2005	-	-	1,445
4.4% - 4.9%	8/1/2005	20,000	\$ 20,000	1,445
4.4% - 4.9%	2/1/2006	-	-	970
4.4% - 4.9%	8/1/2006	20,000	20,000	970
4.4% - 4.9%	2/1/2007	-	-	490
4.4% - 4.9%	8/1/2007	20,000	20,000	490
Total Bond Payable		\$ 60,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 7,725

2000 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond

Dated: August 1, 2000

Original Issue: \$540,353

Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	Principal Outstanding March 31,		Remaining Annual Interest Payable
		2005	2004	
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2004	\$ -	\$ 49,123	\$ 8,252
4.4% - 5.0%	2/1/2005	-	-	7,115
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2005	49,123	\$ 49,123	7,115
4.4% - 5.0%	2/1/2006	-	-	5,953
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2006	49,123	49,123	5,953
4.4% - 5.0%	2/1/2007	-	-	4,792
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2007	49,123	49,123	4,792
4.4% - 5.0%	2/1/2008	-	-	3,606
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2008	49,123	49,123	3,606
4.4% - 5.0%	2/1/2009	-	-	2,420
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2009	49,123	49,123	2,420
4.4% - 5.0%	2/1/2010	-	-	1,210
4.4% - 5.0%	8/1/2010	49,123	49,123	1,210
Total Bond Payable		\$ 294,738	\$ 343,861	\$ 58,444
Total Bonds Payable		\$ 354,738	\$ 423,861	\$ 66,169

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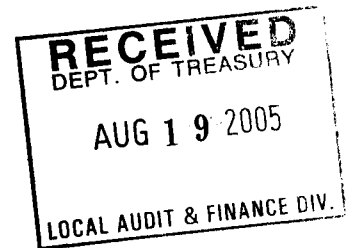
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June 10, 2005

Members of the Township Board
Marathon Township
Lapeer County, Michigan



Board Members:

In accordance with your request, I have made an examination of the financial statements of Marathon Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005. During the course of my examination, certain items have come to my attention on which I would like to comment and offer my recommendations.

- 1.) The Salary Resolution is to be made at the annual meeting. The motion for the Salary Resolution is to be voted on by the Constituencies of the Township. The Township did have a Salary Resolution, in the regular township meeting, however, the Resolution is to be made at the annual meeting.
- 2.) The motion to approve the minutes should state the date of the minutes to be approved.
- 3.) All income received by the Township needs to be receipted for purposes of internal control. These receipts should be pre-numbered and used in numerical order. The receipt number should be recorded in Quickbooks when posting the receipt in the accounting system in order to be able to trace it into the General Ledger.
- 4.) All remittance advices should be accounted for in a system that they could be readily accounted for. They should be either attached to the receipt or filed away in an orderly system.
- 5.) An employee of the Township can only exclude an expense reimbursement from their salary and subsequently, taxable income, by following the guidelines of an 'Accountable Plan' as defined by the IRS Code.
- 6.) The Tax Collection Fund is a Trust and Agency Fund. The amount of cash in the Tax Collection Fund is to balance with entities in which that money is due. Thus, the cash should balance with those that the Tax Collection account owes on an on going basis.
- 7.) The Building Inspection Fund needs to transfer \$4,646 to the Trust & Agency to cover performance bonds held by the Township.
- 8.) The General Fund needs to transfer \$5,068.50 to the Building Inspection Fund upon receipt of the retirement overpayment.
- 9.) It is my opinion that a Special Revenue Fund be set up for the purpose of accounting for the Hemingway Special Assessment that can be used only for the purpose of weed control at Hemingway Lake.

I thank the Township officials for the cooperation I received in the completion of this examination. Should you have any questions in connection with the above, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Lehn L. King
Certified Public Accountant